

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Withdrawal of Application**

By notice dated December 24, 2003, and published in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2004 (68 FR 39437), Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Attn: Security Department, Building 103, Room 335, 59 Route 10, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of Methylphenidate (1724), a basic class of controlled substance in Schedule II.

The firm planned to produce bulk product and finished dosage units for distribution to its customers.

By letter dated March 11, 2004, the firm stated that it is no longer engaged in the bulk manufacture of this controlled substance. The renewal application for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation is hereby withdrawn.

Dated: April 1, 2004.

William J. Walker,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application**

Pursuant to § 1301.33(a) of title 21 of the code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on February 18, 2004, Penick, Corporation, 158 Mount Olivet Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Cocaine (9041)	II
Codeine (9050)	II
Dihydrocodeine (9120)	II
Oxycodone (9143)	II
Hydromorphone (9150)	II
Diphenoxylate (9170)	II
Ecgonine (9180)	II
Hydrocodone (9193)	II
Morphine (9300)	II
Thebaine (9333)	II
Oxymorphone (9652)	II

The firm plans to manufacture bulk controlled substances and non-controlled substance flavor extracts.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substances may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: Federal Register Representative, Office of Chief Counsel (CCD), and must be filed no later than June 25, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****Importation of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application**

Pursuant to section 1008 of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 958(1)), the Attorney General shall, prior to issuing a registration under this section to a bulk manufacturer of a controlled substance in Schedule I or II and prior to issuing a regulation under section 1002(a) authorizing the importation of such a substance, provide manufacturers holding registrations for the bulk manufacture of the substance an opportunity for a hearing.

Therefore, in accordance with § 1301.34 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that on February 18, 2004, Penick Corporation, 158 Mount Olivet Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07114, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration to be registered as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed in Schedule II.

Drug	Schedule
Coca Leaves (9040)	II
Raw Opium (9600)	II
Poppy Straw (9650)	II
Concentrate Of Poppy Straw (9670)	II

The firm plans to import controlled substances to manufacture bulk pharmaceutical controlled substances

and non-controlled substance flavor extract.

An manufacturer holding, or applying for, registration as a bulk manufacturer of this basic class of controlled substances may file written comments on or objections to the application described above and may, at the same time, file a written request for a hearing on such application in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.43 in such form as prescribed by 21 CFR 1316.47.

Any such comments, objections, or requests for a hearing may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, Attention: Federal Register Representative, Office of Chief Counsel (CCD) and must be filed not later than (30 days from publication).

This procedure is to be conducted simultaneously with and independent of the procedures described in 21 CFR 1301.34(b), (c), (d), (e), and (f). As noted in a previous notice at 40 FR 43745-46 (September 23, 1975), all applicants for registration to import basic class of any controlled substance in Schedule I or II are and will continue to be required to demonstrate to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration that the requirements for such registration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 958(a), 21 U.S.C. 823(a), and 21 CFR 1311.42(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are satisfied.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Drug Enforcement Administration****Merlin E. Shuck, D.V.M.; Revocation of Registration**

On January 15, 2003, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Merlin E. Shuck, D.V.M. (Respondent), proposing to revoke his DEA Certificate of Registration, AS9668596, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(1) and 824(a)(4) and deny any pending applications for registration as a practitioner under 21 U.S.C. 823(f). The Order to Show Cause alleged that the Respondent's continued